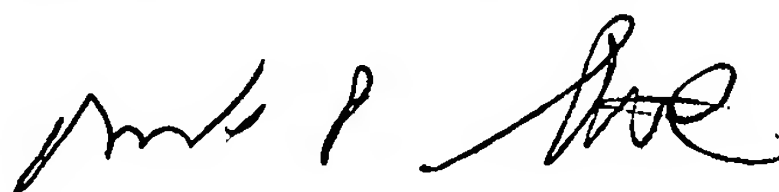


REMARKS

The specification of the present application has been amended to correctly identify the number of the Japanese Patent Application which has been discussed as background material in the specification. The correct application number for the Japanese patent application is JP2000-373505.

Respectfully submitted,

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